

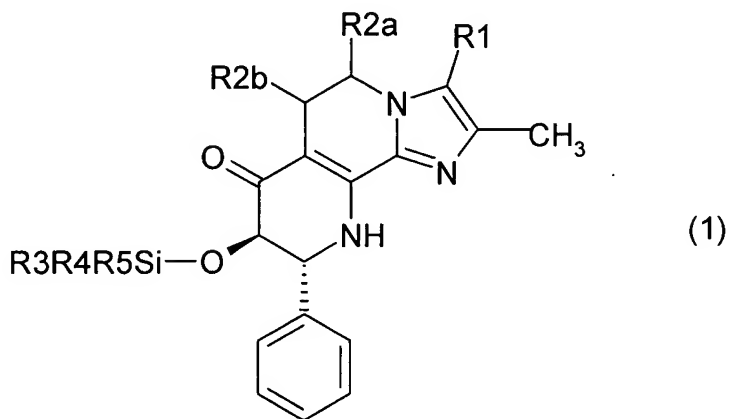


Appendix A

Claim Amendments

1. - 2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) A compound of the formula 1 according to claim 4,



in which

R₁ is methyl,

R_{2a} and R_{2b} are both hydrogen or together denote a bond,

R₃ is tert-butyl,

R₄ is methyl and

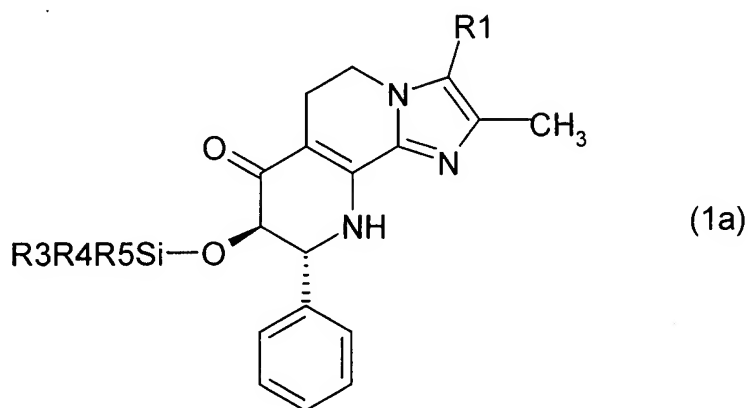
R₅ is methyl,

or a salt thereof.

4. (Currently amended) A compound of the formula 1 according to claim 3 **[[1]]**,

in which

R2a and R2b are both hydrogen and which is characterized by the formula 1a,



in which

R₁ is ~~hydrogen~~, methyl or ~~hydroxymethyl~~,

R₃ is ~~tert-butyl~~ 1-7C-alkyl,

R₄ is ~~methyl~~ 1-7C-alkyl and

R₅ is ~~methyl~~ 1-7C-alkyl,

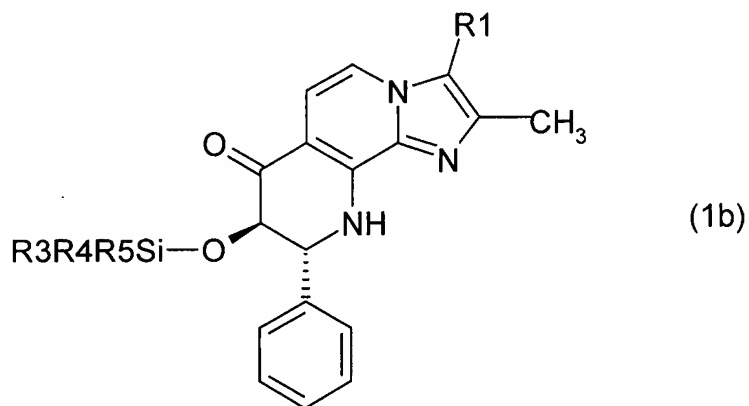
or a salt thereof.

5. (Currently amended) A compound of the formula 1 according to claim 3 **[[1]]**,

in which

R2a and R2b together denote a bond and which is characterized by the formula

1b,



in which

R1 is ~~hydrogen~~, methyl or hydroxymethyl,

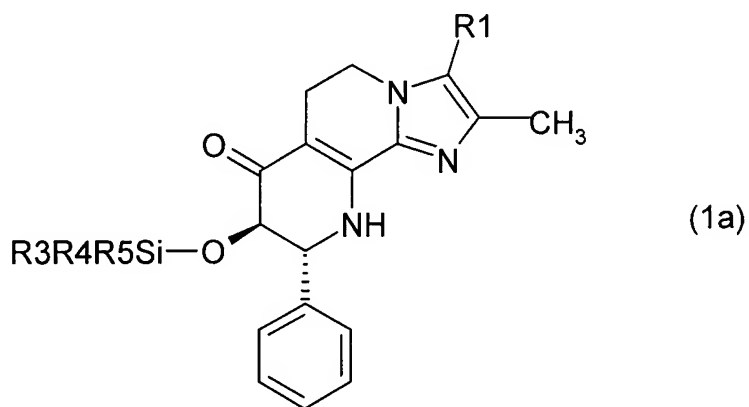
R3 is tert-butyl 1-7C-alkyl,

R4 is methyl 1-7C-alkyl and

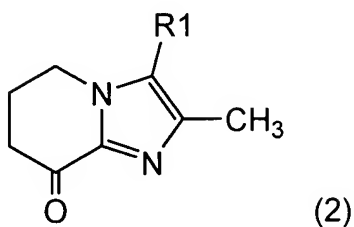
R5 is methyl 1-7C-alkyl,

or a salt thereof.

6. (Previously presented) A process for the production of a compound of formula 1a according to claim 4,

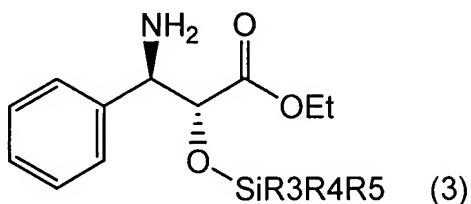


which comprises reacting a compound of formula 2,



in which R1 has the meaning given in claim 4,

with a compound of formula 3,

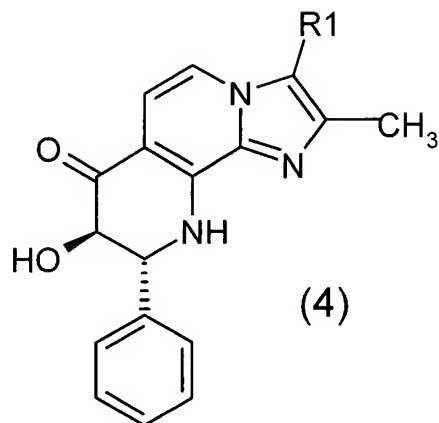


in which R3, R4 and R5 have the meanings given in claim 4 to produce an imine intermediate,

and subjecting the imine intermediate to a ring closure reaction.

7. (Canceled)

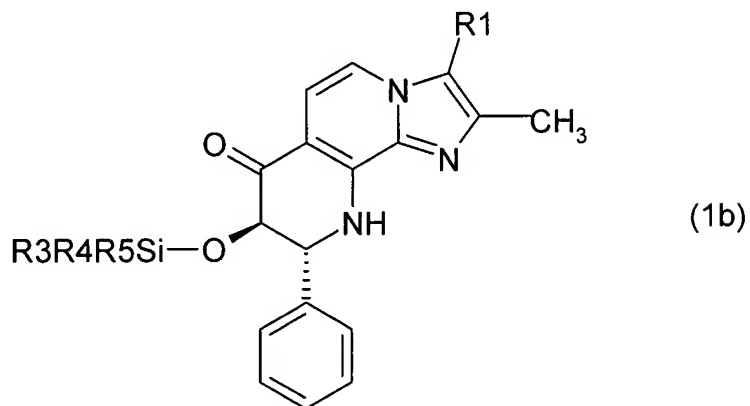
8. (Currently amended) A process of preparing a compound of formula 4



in which

R1 is ~~hydrogen, methyl or hydroxymethyl,~~

comprising hydrolyzing the compound of formula 1b



in which

R1 is ~~hydrogen, methyl or hydroxymethyl,~~

R3 is tert-butyl ~~1-7C-alkyl,~~

R4 is methyl ~~1-7C-alkyl~~ and

R5 is methyl ~~1-7C-alkyl,~~

or a salt thereof.